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TAGS: PINS, ASEC, MOPS, LE
SUBJECT: BEIRUT SITREP - 1200 LOCAL, AUGUST 29:
MARINE CASUALTIES

REF: BEIRUT 9534

1. (C-ENTIRE, TEXT)

2. TWO MARINES WERE KILLED AND THREE WOUNDED AT APPROXIMATELY 0930 LOCAL WHEN A MORTAR ROUND STRUCK THEIR BUNKER LOCATED NEAR THE [REDACTED] OF BEIRUT AIRPORT. THREE MORE MARINES WERE LIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE EXPLOSION OF A SECOND MORTAR ROUND SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

3. CLASHES ARE SPREADING IN THE BEIRUT AREA. IN ADDITION TO CONTINUED [REDACTED] IN THE [REDACTED], MILITIAMEN ARE ON THE STREETS IN OTHER AREAS OF [REDACTED]. AND [REDACTED]. SNIPING, BARRICADES AND SHELLING HAS EFFECTIVELY [REDACTED] MOST OF THE USUAL [REDACTED] WITHOUT CROSSING POINTS. SECURITY SOURCES ADVISE THAT ONLY THE PORT CROSSING REMAINS RELATIVELY SAFE. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL RADIO LEBANON AT 1100 LOCAL, SHELLING OF EAST BEIRUT SUBURBS OF [REDACTED] AND FURN ASH-SHUBBAK AS WELL AS THE [REDACTED] CONTINUING. SHELL IMPACTS ARE ALSO AUDIBLE FROM THE EMBASSY.

4. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HAS INFORMED US THAT ITALIAN FORCES HAVE SUSTAINED ONE WOUNDED. THE AMBASSADOR IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER THE SECURITY OF THE ITALIAN MNF IN VIEW OF THEIR DEPLOYMENT THROUGHOUT THE AREA OF FIGHTING.

5. BECAUSE OF THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION, WE HAVE SUSPENDED VISA ISSUANCE IN ORDER TO AVOID HAVING A LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS CONGREGATING IN FRONT OF THE CONSULAR SECTION.

6. MRS. DILLON REPORTS FROM YARZE THAT SHELLS HAVE HIT NEAR THE RESIDENCE. SEVERAL WINDOWS WERE BROKEN

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